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Hillers Push To Protect Programs at Jackson Playground

By Judy Baston

Concerns that some neighborhood-oriented programs at Potrero Hill's Jackson Park would be displaced by a new, citywide program to be located there were aired July 22 at a meeting attended by representatives of local groups using the park, as well as Mike Morlin, Assistant Superintendent of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Dept.

Primarily at issue was the decision by Rec and Park administration to move Project Insight, a recreation program for blind and hearing-impaired young people, from the Laurel Hill Recreation Center, where it was first created, to Jackson Park.

Hill residents first became aware that changes were afoot "when desks" and other office equipment were delivered to Jackson before any program users had been told that new staff from this citywide program would be calling the Potrero Hill park home starting in the fall.

At the July 22 meeting, Rec and Park's Morlin assured the community that no additional rooms would be used to house staff. All desks, file cabinets and other office equipment would remain in the current office used by Jackson's co-directors, Gary Siri and Jill Breslauer, with desks shared between the regular Jackson staff and the Project Insight staff, since usage would be staggered.

Project Insight is not the first citywide program to locate at Jackson, and fears of local programs being displaced reflect resentment by some that the summertime Pacific Art Camp, which is taking place at Jackson, squeezed out several neighborhood-serving programs.

"As this camp is in use all summer, neighborhood children, out of school for the summer, did not have any use of the Center," pointed out Potrero Hill activist Babette Drefke to participants in the July 22 meeting. Drefke also told **The View** that the art camp had displaced Jackson Park's regular senior program, essentially forcing the seniors to take constant field trips away from Jackson because of lack of space at the park for them to gather.

Consensus of the July 22 meeting was that the Jackson Park staff and Project Insight staff would get together to make sure there will be no space or time conflicts. At the same time, a number of local meeting participants urged Rec and Park staff to explore other Hill locations for programs such as Project Insight.

Joan Anthony of the Potrero Hill Parents Assn. told **The View** that while

AT HILL'S HEALTH FAIR



The Potrero Hill Jobs and Health Fair July 19 provided the neighborhood with medical and job information, condoms, free food and balloons. The Potrero Hill Health Center offered HIV testing, and musical entertainment and a skit dealing with HIV/AIDS education was presented by Midnight Voices, who also performed in two free shows at the Neighborhood House during the July 18-20 weekend event.

Ruth Possen photo

it would probably be possible to work out arrangements that would permit Project Insight and the existing schedule of neighborhood programs to share Jackson Park space, "what we really need is an expanded schedule of future programs, particularly programs for kids who are a little older than those served by the current schedule of Tiny Tots programs."

The difficulty of balancing the demands of neighborhood-oriented programs and citywide programs was acknowledged by Rec and Park General Manager Joel Robinson, who told **The View** that when Project Insight grew too large for its first home, Laurel Hill, the department had to look around for another facility. "Potrero Hill is larger and will be much more convenient in terms of public transportation," he pointed out.

Robinson noted that "Rec Centers throughout the city are inundated with kids and programs, with about 30 latch-key sites (after school programs) taking up a lot of space." Neighborhood programs would not be squeezed out by Project Insight, Robinson promised.

He also told **The View** that, as requested by participants in the July 22 meeting, Rec and Park would place Jackson Park in the same department district as the Potrero Hill Recreation Center on Arkansas Street and McKinley Square at 20th and Vermont Streets.

Kansas Street Block Fete: 10 Years of Togetherness

By Michael Joe

Residents on one block of Kansas Street on Potrero Hill remember ten years ago like it was yesterday, when they victoriously halted a big-time developer from erecting at the end of their dead-end street what they called a travesty: a square, concrete building at least four stories tall and quite ugly.

On Sunday, July 20, they were still celebrating.

"This block party doesn't end," said Kristin Makita, whose home once abutted a hillock that the developer, Pat Joy Construction, had planned to turn into rubble. "They said, 'Oh this hill, we can take that,'" she recalled.

They eventually did, but not before the neighbors successfully argued to the city's Planning Commission to enforce a zoning law that made the developer change its plans. The compromise: four noticeably modern Victorian homes. Much better, residents say, than if they had not spoken up.

"The first block party was a victory celebration," said Steven Bruce, who for

the past 17 years has watched Potrero Hill change from a working-class Russian immigrant enclave into something, well, more well-tailored.

"All the yuppies regentrified the neighborhood, and now I can't afford to live here," said Bob Aiman, a single artist who grew up on this block between 20th Street and the hillock meadow he called his playground. He traveled to Europe and came back during San Francisco's housing boom in late 1980s and early 1990s. "It was coming home to the realization that the neighborhood was gone. When I came back they were looking for couples and families."

It depends on who you talk to, but, like any neighborhood, residents on Potrero Hill have been divided on how things should change, and even if things should change at all.

But Aiman and older residents say they aren't bitter. "That's part of the city. Every neighborhood changes," added Aiman's childhood buddy, Greg Polos, 30.

So now, this annual summer block party has become an occasion for the street's oldest residents to reminisce -- over potato salad and barbecued chicken and

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GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (August 7) with members of the San Francisco Police Dept. to discuss issues of public concern. Meetings take place at 7-8:30 p.m. in the Community Room, downstairs, 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore. This month's program will focus on Senior Citizens' Safety Concerns & Services. Captain Sylvia Harper of the Bayview Police Station will discuss Policing in the District. Other speakers and their topics are: Cynthia Selmar, Director, Southeast Health Center; City Services for Seniors; Betsy Franklin & Lucille McGee, Crime Prevention Workers; Senior Escort Services; Assistant District Attorney Candace Heister; Prosecuting Crime Against Elders; Police Inspector Leon Carillo of the Fraud Detail; Financial Elder Abuse. Also, Josephine Shaw, Consumer Advocate of the S.F. Consortium for Seniors on Mortgage Fraud & Telemarketing Fraud, and Lisa Nerenberg on Resources for Seniors. Open discussion to be followed by refreshments. For more info, 671-2300.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month (August 11) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1850 Wisconsin Street, are open to the public. Come and hear a report on the success of the July Job & Health Fair...and What's Next?!

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (August 12). The meetings start at 7:30 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro. The focus this month will be an update on the Mission Bay Development, with speakers from the Catellus Corp. and from the Mayor's office.

Starr King Park Board meets the second Wednesday of each month (August 13) in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room at 7 p.m., 1616-20th Street. On the following Saturday (August 16), a work party will gather from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Park, located at Carolina & 23rd Streets. All are welcome.

NERT (Neighbors' Emergency Response Team) is calling a meeting of all who have completed a training course in the past — Thursday, August 7; 415 Connecticut Street, at 7 p.m.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) is taking the summer off. The next meeting will be in September. For information call Elizabeth at 826-6359.

Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants meet the last Tuesday of the month (August 26) at 7:20 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Library: 1616-20th Street.



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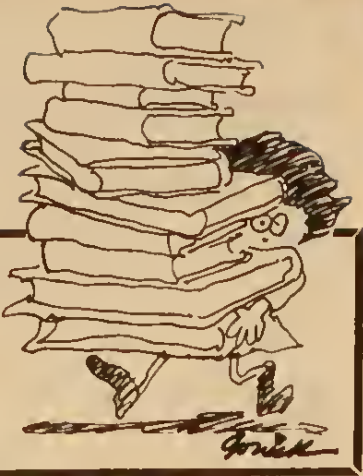
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This year's Summer Reading Program—Read Around the City—ends August 9. There's still time to sign up the child in your life, who will win prizes for every two hours of reading logged, and a grand prize of baseball tickets, coupons to museums and performances or a book to take home for keeps.

A hidden benefit of the program is that those who register will receive monthly phone calls from their librarian to remind them of program events for children at the library. Over the coming year, such program events will include a Latino music program with Juanita Newland-Ulloa, a Halloween scary stories event with Ruth Halpern, a Brave Little Girls celebration featuring a return visit from "The Liberty Sisters," McLaren and Flower, a docent-led art program, a family art and illustration event with Julie Downing, an encore "Art from Reusable Materials" workshop with Karen Soleau, an African-American History folk and a capella program with James Tyrone Wallace, a gardening workshop with Valarie Revels, a singout with the unparalleled Lisa Atkinson, a Ballet demonstration by students of Richard Gibson and Zory Karrah from Academy of Ballet, as well as other programs to be announced.

WHY MUST I BE A TEENAGER IN LOVE — WITH BOOKS?

This year, as an experiment, the San Francisco Public Library offered a summer reading program for teens at selected branches. Would you like such a program at Potrero? Are you a teen-aged reader who would participate if such a program existed here? Let us know.

MEGATHANKS FOR MAGABUCKS

Thank you to all who have donated funds toward our upcoming periodicals purchase. This year has seen record donations. We interpret your collective generosity to mean that you'd like to see more of your neighbors reading your or their favorite magazine here at the library more than anywhere else you can think of. We're flat-out flattered!

SUMMER PROGRAM EVENTS FOR ALL AGES:

"BEAT BONANZA" OPENS AUGUST PROGRAM EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us on Saturday, August 2, at 4 p.m. for a multi-instrument musical program called "Beat Bonanza," featuring touring East-Coast performer, Anthony De Quattro, who will get everyone playing something with someone else all together on the beat!

"GRAPES AND FIGS ARE IN SEASON" RECOGNIZES PALESTINE

A one-woman performance by Emily Shihadeh, "Grapes and Figs are in Season: A Palestinian Woman's Story," will be performed on Saturday, August 9, at 4 p.m. While this event is geared to adult audiences, it is appropriate for children who are 10 years of age and older. Refreshments will be served.

S. KWAKU DADDY HEADLINES OPEN HOUSE

An Open House Celebration will take place on Saturday, August 16 to appreciate the new furniture recently acquired for the Children's Room, resulting from an Anchor Brewing Company donation. At 4 p.m., Ghanaian folk artist S. Kwaku Daddy will perform songs that were part of his recent "Old First" summer series appearance. "Read Around the City" Summer Reading awards will follow the performance, and refreshments will be served.

MORE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Lapsit takes place on Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m. on August 7, 14, 21, and 28. Pre-School Story Time takes place on Saturdays, at 4 p.m. on August 23 and 30. The film, "Alligators All Around," will be shown on Tuesday, August 5, at 10 a.m., and Wednesday, August 6, at 7 p.m.

BRAVE LITTLE GIRLS CONTEST—DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 8, 1997

The San Francisco Main Library seeks to honor four outstanding girls or young women at the Opening Event for "Brave Little Girls," an exhibition of books and original illustrations celebrating heroines from diverse cultures and ethnic traditions.

The individual you nominate must enrich her friends, family or community by: demonstrating outstanding courage, creativity, excellence or achievement; striving for accomplishment in literary, artistic or other pursuits; performing acts of kindness or generosity, being a positive leader and role model for others; overcoming hardship and meeting challenges with imagination and determination. Official entry forms are available at branches of the San Francisco Public Library. Ask for them at the circulation or information desk.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

*Barry, David. "Dave Barry is from Mars and Venus." Details Dave's appearance on "Wheel of Fortune," and a somewhat lesser event, his (non) lunch with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

*Claude-Pierre, Peggy. "The Secret Language of Eating Disorders: The Revolutionary New Approach to Understanding and Curing Anorexia and Bulimia." The recent death of 22-year-old dancer Heidi Guenther reminds us that the "beauty myth" still stalks women today. The cases of patients of last resort are discussed here by the director of the Montreux Counseling Center in Vancouver.

*Kramer, Peter, M.D. "Should You Leave? A Psychiatrist Explores Intimacy and Autonomy — and The Nature of Advice." How do we choose our partners? How well do we know them? These questions lead to a reconsideration of our culture's norms. In scenarios approaching great fiction, Kramer probes the complexities of human relationships.

*Masson, Jeffrey Moussaieff. "Dogs Never Lie About Love: Reflections on the Emotional World of Dogs." More radical reconstruction by Masson — this time the subject is dogs: Doggy dreams, doggy gratitude, loneliness, compassion and disappointment — it's all there buried beneath the surface.

*Reiser, Paul. "Babyhood." An endearingly funny book about bringing up baby by T.V.'s funniest expectant dad.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

*Langreuter, Jutta. "Little Bear Goes to Kindergarten"

*Wells, Rosemary. "Bunny Cakes"

*Demuth, Patricia. "Johnny Appleseed"

*Lindbergh, Reeve. "Nobody Owns the Sky: The Story of 'Brave Bessie' Coleman"

*Colc, Joanna. "Hungry, Hungry Sharks"

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ASBESTOS CRISIS AT POTRERO HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Removal of asbestos from the Potrero Hill Middle School was completed in time for the opening of the school semester in September 1987, so that it could accommodate the transfer of some McAteer High students, who were forced out by the closing of their school for asbestos removal. Other McAteer students were parceled out to James Lick Middle School

USS MISSOURI BERTHING PROPOSAL

Mayor Dianne Feinstein's push for homeporting the USS Missouri was based in part on projected creation of 1,666 jobs, as well as 5,000 new jobs for elsewhere in the Bay Area. Some opponents attacked the job figures as unrealistically inflated. Others complained of the Navy's union-busting tactics and discrimination against gays and lesbians. At a meeting of more than 2,000 people, Assemblyman Art Agnos introduced Jesse Jackson, who urged San Franciscans not to accept the "Navy's gift" of the nuclear-equipped fleet.

SENIOR ESCORT PROGRAM

The Senior Escort Program (SEP), in existence since 1978, provided escort services for the elderly, by walking bus, or SEP van. Charley Sabella, president of the Potrero Hill Advisory Council for SEP, said, "The program is doing a wonderful job. In the 800,000 escorted trips since it began, there has never been an incident of crime against a person being escorted."

GROUNDBREAKING FOR 23RD STREET COMPLEX

After more than a year of community meetings and input, ground was finally broken for a housing development at the old Synanon site at 23rd and Rhode Island Streets. The land, originally the home of the Dutch Boy paint factory, had been in a half-demolished, debris strewn, rat-infested state for more than five years. The project was delayed by the bankruptcy of the original developer, and a million-dollar cleanup of the residues from the paint factory. The project, as finally conceived, contains 135 rental units, 20% of which must be rented, for the next ten years, to individuals or families earning \$18,000-\$25,000 a year.

ROSIE RADIATOR TAPS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Rosie Radiator and 15 members of her World Champion San Francisco Tap Team danced their way from Mission Rock to Pier 39, on July 25, into the New Guinness Book of World Records. The Potrero based Tap Team dedicated their 7 1/2 mile bayside event "to remind people of the need to protect our delicate bay waters."

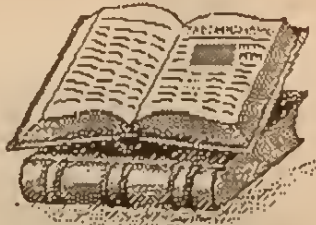
AND TWENTY YEARS AGO

Supervisor Dianne Feinstein had to back down on her proposal to change zoning rules in a way that would leave Potrero Hill as the only area in the city in which porno establishments could be located.

— Bernie Gershater

THE VIEW AT THE LIBRARY

If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them on file.



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Kansas Street neighbors celebrated their 10th anniversary of having block parties (above and at right) with food, talk and drink. Ruth Passen photo

Women's Reproductive Health Network Seeks Volunteers

Volunteers are being sought by ACCESS an information, referral and practical support network for women seeking reproductive health care. The group works with women throughout northern and central California who seek information on issues ranging from pregnancy testing and emergency contraception to prenatal care and abortion services.

A volunteer orientation will be held for hotline volunteers on Saturday September 13 and September 20, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 558 Capp St. at 21st St., San Francisco.

ACCESS works closely with San Francisco General Hospital to assist women who must travel long distances for abortion services at the hospital. ACCESS is also seeking volunteers to join their practical support network, providing rides, occasional overnight housing, or childcare for women with abortion appointments in San Francisco.

They are particularly seeking volunteers who are free at any time on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays — even after work or at the end of the day. Bilingual — especially Spanish-speaking — volunteers are also encouraged, and training is provided.

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Kansas Street Block Fete: 10 Years of Togetherness

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Anchor Steam Beer — and its newest residents to think that surely they are lucky; here are 40 other people from whom they can borrow a cup of sugar.

"When we heard about the block party, we said, 'I didn't know this happened here anymore,'" said Kim Hutchinson, who with her longtime boyfriend Tim Krozek moved down the street last December from North Beach. They noticed a difference.

"There's more sense of community. Then there are tangible things: there's a ton of dogs here," Krozek noticed, "a lot of dogs."

"The people are nicer," said Don Surath, 39. He moved here from Palo Alto about four years ago with his daughter. "This block is not pretentious. Palo Alto is pretentious."

This block helped Mike Anthony, overcome tragedy. "I haven't had this level of interaction since I was a kid and I lived in the housing projects," said Anthony, a Vietnam War veteran who lost his nephew to sudden infant death syndrome.

Years later a neighbor asked him to babysit her daughter, Faye Anne, while she worked. He proudly calls himself a surrogate father figure for her now.

"Some things keep you young. One is kids and one is..." he said, but paused to look again at a neighborhood he's seen since 1980. "It's very good fortune to have extended family. I believe in karma. I don't think anything is accidental."



Because residents of Potrero Hill responded to a challenge offered by the S.F. Recycling Program, the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House was the recipient of a \$1,000 check to be used for youth programs at the Nabe. The Nabe's Executive Director Enola D. Maxwell (center) accepted a check presented by a representative of the Recycling Program.

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DIVERSITY PROGRAM

Youth Work To Conquer Fear of the Unknown

By Lysa Allman

The Potrero Hill Neighborhood House has developed an innovative new youth program, entitled Experiment in Diversity. This year-long program allows students to experience the cultural diversity of San Francisco through exposure, education, cooperation and communication, while promoting respect, understanding, acceptance and peaceful coexistence.

Experiment in Diversity is funded by a grant under the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families (MOCYF), in the hope that bridging society's communication gaps will ease racial tensions, and help create more respect and appreciation of each other's differences. Additionally, students will learn the importance of inter-personal communication.

Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director of the Neighborhood House for the past 25 years, emphasized, "You see all this diversity in the public schools, yet there is no integration there. Kids don't know each other, are afraid of each other, and everybody is fighting. I thought we would take young people from differ-



Thu Ha Vu, an organizer with Hospital Workers Union, Local 250, was a guest panelist at the Experiment in Diversity evening.

Ruth Possen Photos



Members of the Experiment in Diversity, Vietnamese guests, and Neighborhood House staff at the monthly dinner July 24.

ent ethnic groups, get them studying together, and maybe they would have a better understanding of each other."

Maxwell believes that with increased knowledge of different cultures, the kids will share that knowledge with others at school. "They will know they can have a different relationship if they just put forth a little bit of effort."

Each month, a different ethnic group is studied, which includes among other things, library research, visits to community centers, logging of their experiences in a journal, reports on current events, and a monthly dinner. In addition to the 10 groups to be studied — African American, Caucasian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Latino, Native American, Samoan and Vietnamese — the course includes others, such as Gays and Lesbians, and those that possess physical disabilities.

"We try to promote understanding through education," explained Shelley Shick, Program Director for Experiment in Diversity. "We want kids not just to feel hurt, clam up, and go home with that anger (like), 'Oh, that Asian kid called me a so-and-so.' We want them to say, 'This is hurtful to me... This is prejudice... This is stereotype... This is not true in my family...' They need to come up with some sort of a dialogue."

Shick, a native of Israel, can identify with the oppression, prejudice and racism kids encounter today. "My grandfather came from Iraq to Israel at the turn of the century. I lived on a kibbutz separated from my mother, so I was in a majority of White Jews, was considered a "Black" and a "Darkie," and was put down for that when I was growing up."

Youth chosen for the program, ages 14 to 17, are given preference if enrolled in MOCYF, MYEEP, the Mayor's Youth Employment and Education Program, or in the summer Youth-In-Training pro-

gram. They earn minimum wage, 20 hours/week in the summer, and 10 hours/week during the school year.

This year's group of students aptly represents the diverse ethnic groups residing in San Francisco. Vatana (Va-ta-na) is Cambodian "with a little Chinese and Thailand"; Hattie and Patrick are African American; Seilele (Se-le-le) is Samoan; McKenly is Filipino, twin sisters Cindy and Cathy are mixed race Chinese and Vietnamese, and Alfred and David are Mexican — with David also having Caucasian parentage.

What did the members of this enthusiastic group hope to learn from their experience in this course? Almost unanimously, they voiced the desire to gain a better understanding of the culture, customs, history and religious beliefs of other ethnic groups.

"I thought Vietnamese was the same as Chinese," 14 year old Hattie said. "But it's not. Some of the religion is the same, but they don't cook the same things, (and) the lifestyle is kind of, but not the same." McKinley, whose family originated in the northern part of the Philippines, learned more about customs from his own culture, such as folk dances in the southern region of the country. Seilele added, "I didn't know that Filipinos were slaves just like African Americans."

Patrick noted that gang activity is too often associated with African Americans. "It is not that we don't have a part in some crimes, but there are other things in this world besides negative stuff about African American people." And David shared his discovery: "I didn't

understand that there were different Asians and not one Asian group. I feel that more youth should get involved to conquer the fear of the unknown."

The fourth Thursday of each month, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the students host a cultural dinner at the Neighborhood House, highlighting dishes representative of the ethnic group studied that month. The youth plan the menu, as well as prepare the foods with help from their parents, family members and neighbors. The dinners are free of charge, and the public is invited to attend.

For more information about the Experiment in Diversity Program, please contact Shelley Shick at the Neighborhood House, 826-8080.

Carwash Set Aug. 9 to Benefit Nabe

A third annual car wash, sponsored by World Gym/Showplace Square — a benefit fund-raiser for the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House — takes place Saturday, August 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in front of the Gym facility, at 260 De Haro St.

Youngsters who participate in programs at the Nabe, as well as members of the staff, will wash the cars. The charge is \$5 per car, and the day's proceeds will be matched on a 3-1 basis by World Gym. Food and refreshments for the workers that day will be provided by local merchants.

For more information on the car wash call the Neighborhood House at 826-8080.

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After 21 months of renovation work at the Hill's Firehouse #48 at Wisconsin and 22nd Streets, an open house was scheduled for official re-opening. Upper left: firehouse staff Captain John Cercos, Cris Guajardo, Jerry Zari and Jerry Murphy.

Above: new light fixtures replaced the old, dull ones, and the polished fire truck served as an invitation to visit. Below left, a member of the firehouse crew slides down the firepole.

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The Volunteer Center of San Francisco is conducting a roundtable seminar on "Making the Most of the Media," Aug. 20, at the Junior League Board Room, 226-A Fillmore, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteer managers can learn how to write press releases and public service announcements.

Help the animals by volunteering at the S.F. SPCA as cat socializers, dog walkers and adoption counselors. Orientations will be held Aug. 9 and 23 from 10 a.m.-noon at SPCA, 243 Alabama St. Call 554-3000 for information.

Anti-rape activists are needed to support sexual assault survivors. San Francisco Women Against Rape Crisis Counselor training begins Aug. 7. For more information call Janelle at 861-2024.

San Francisco State University announces the "60 Plus Program" offering opportunities for people over the age of 60 to join together to enjoy one another's friendship, increase their knowledge of the world and pursue new avenues of learning. The annual membership fee of \$50 includes the opportunity to take any regular SFSU classes for no credit, hear outstanding speakers, go on local day tours and occasional overnight tours, attend special luncheons and performing arts events, and use the college library. New members can join during the month of August. Contact Celia Sullivan or Diane Ludlow at 338-2127.

Bindlestiff Productions presents a new comedy, "In Search of the Greatest American Hot Dog," an all-out assault on bad theater. The play runs Thursdays through Saturdays, Aug. 7-30, at the Bindlestiff Studio, 185 - 6th St. at Howard. Tickets are \$10; \$5 for students. Reservations or info call 974-1167.

In August, KQED's (TV 9) "Does of the Bay" will feature "Silver Feet" and "Zyne," two films that present a look at classical ballet training. Thurs., Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. On Monday, Aug. 18 at 10 p.m., a documentary entitled "Birth of a Community: Jews and the Gold Rush" examines the history of Bay Area Jewish pioneer families.

Learn to make sourdough bread! Students of the California Culinary Academy and chef Peter Reinhart will show how at the Exploratorium, Aug. 9 and 10, noon to 4 p.m., at 3601 Lyon St. Call 583-7337 for info.

If you have an interest in contemporary art, are energetic and available during the day, The Center for the Arts Yerba Buena Gardens is looking for volunteers to train as gallery tour guides. Call Center for the Arts, 978-2700.



Community Music Center presents John Santos, Afro-Latin percussionist, in a Musical Conversation, on Wed., Aug. 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. He is one of the foremost exponents of Afro-Latin music, and a respected writer, teacher and historian in the field. A reception will follow the concert. Admission is free. For more info call 647-6015.

PROMISE, a small, community-based, feminist non-profit organization devoted to offering services and support to women who have chosen to get out of prostitution, provides a drop-in resource center, support groups and counseling and street and community outreach. Committed women are being sought for the next training orientation, Sept. 6, 13, and 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 522-6659.

Volunteers are needed to participate in waste prevention with the Recycling and Hazardous Waste Programs. Projects involve research, database development, hands-on projects and outreach to youth. Meetings are first Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. 1145 Market St., Suite 401. Call 554-3404.

On Sat., Aug. 2, at 1 p.m., Nacio Jan Brown will discuss his book of photographs, "Rag Theater: the 2400 Block of Telegraph Avenue 1969-1973" at the Ansel Adams Center for Photography, 250 4th St. Admission is free. Call 495-7242 for more information.

UCSF presents a free talk on "Prescriptions for Healthy Aging," practical pointers to stay fit and healthy in the "golden" years. Lecturing will be Daniel Pound, MD, UCSF Asst. clinical professor of family and community medicine, at 12:10 p.m. in Room N-225, 513 Parnassus St. on the UCSF campus. More info at 476-4394.

Theater Artaud presents its ninth Annual Performance Marathon, Sat., Sept. 6, from noon to midnight. More than 70 companies and 150 actors, dancers, poets, singers, musicians, jugglers, monologists and performance artists will each take the stage for ten minutes, providing a snapshot of what happens at Theater Artaud over an entire year. Tickets: \$8-\$50 on a sliding scale, general admission, good for unlimited access.

Jewish Family and Children's Services and Ruach Ami: The Bay Area Jewish Healing Center is currently recruiting community members to provide Jewish spiritual support and connection to older Jews isolated in nursing homes. Volunteers must be able to work with elders, have a knowledge of Judaism and an interest in spirituality, and be willing to commit to four to six hours a month for one year. Call Sheryl Groden, 561-1244 or Rabbi Jeffrey Silverman, 885-7785.

Introduction to HIV Treatment Options — a town meeting at Project Inform office, 1965 Market St., Suite 220, Wed., Aug. 6, from 6:30-8 p.m. Contact Judy Hogan, 558-8669.

Footloose presents "Solo in Soma" at Venue 9, 252-9th St., 7:30 p.m., Aug. 18 and Sept. 15. Experimental film and video, featuring collaborative works by live performers and musicians. Tickets are on a sliding scale from \$6 to \$10. For info call 626-2169.

The S.F. Branch of the American Fuchsia Society presents a fuchsia show and plant sale at the S.F. County Fair Bldg., Golden Gate Park, near 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way, Sat., Aug. 23, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact 731-5817 for info.

The Asian Neighborhood Design's Employment Training Center is now accepting full-time enrollments for low-income San Francisco and Oakland residents who want to learn carpentry and cabinetmaking. Those interested can apply for free job training at manufacturing plants using the latest in building technology. People are invited to attend informational workshops at the training centers held every Monday, 9 a.m. at 1232 Connecticut at 26th St., on Potrero Hill, and every Tuesday at 9 a.m. at 1890 Campbell at 20th St. in West Oakland. Applicants must be 17 years or older. Women and people of color are encouraged to apply. Call (415) 648-7070, or (510) 433-1370.

AWD, a multimedia-multidimensional performance band, presents an explosive and entertaining evening of dance, live music, theater, and other surprises, at the Crucible Steel Gallery, 2050 Bryant St., Fri. and Sat., Aug. 8 and 9 at 9 p.m. Tickets: Fri. \$10, Sat. \$15. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Call 436-9697 for more info.

The Francisco Ombudsman Program is looking for special individuals to represent and advocate for residents in long-term care institutions. An ombudsman visits the most vulnerable part of the population, the institutionalized frail elders, in order to ensure their quality of care through advocating, mediating and troubleshooting for their choices and rights. Ombudsman volunteers will be provided with extensive training to be certified by the California Dept. of Aging. Training is scheduled for August and all volunteers serve a minimum of five hours a week, with a one year commitment. For more information call Anna Cho at 751-9786 or Benson Nadell at 751-9788.

Take the hottest ride to view the city's best art on the Mexican Bus for a city-wide mural tour, Aug. 17. The Mexican Bus, or "El Volado," fashions itself after the decorated public vehicles which thrived in Latin America in the 1950s and 1960s, and the bus winds through the streets of San Francisco, taking passengers to see over 100 fantastic murals. Highlights of the tour include: the 1940s murals at Rincon Annex, Frisco's Wild Side in the South of Market area, Macstrapeace (Women's Building Mural), and Balmy Alley in the Mission District. Call 285-2287 for more info.

Hill resident K.D. Sullivan hosts a "Proofing Seminar" at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Aug. 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at their Larkspur store, 2417 Larkspur Landing Circle. Sullivan is the author of "Go Ahead . . . Proof it!," published in November, 1996.



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Legacy Benefit Honors Four Veterans Of Dance in the San Francisco Area

LEGACY Oral History Project presents "Honor Our Elders," a benefit event celebrating LEGACY's 10-year anniversary with performances and honors to the Bay area dance community at the Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, on Sunday, August 17 at 7 p.m.

Performing Arts Workshop (PAW) director Gloria Unti will be honored with the presentation of her completed oral history project, with remarks, a visual history of PAW and live presentations of sample satirical skits and choreography

from her distinguished career as a dance educator in the multicultural communities of San Francisco.

In addition, a number of oral history subjects will also present performances in honor of LEGACY's 10th anniversary as a documentation project for the Bay Area dance community.

LEGACY subject Maclovía Ruiz, a world-renowned classical Spanish dancer of the 1930's and 40's will be honored by a live performance by Peters Wright Dance, in Bronwen Todd's choreography,

"Nature's Pulse," accompanied by guitar and vocal music by Hector Villa-Lobos. A native of Mexico, Ruiz was trained at Peters Wright Dance in the early part of this century, before becoming a classical Spanish dancer on stage at the San Francisco and Metropolitan Opera Houses, in Hollywood and nightclubs around the world.

Ruiz's oral history was completed in April of this year. She has worked for a number of years at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House's Social Development Center.

LEGACY's Oral History Project was founded in 1988 by Project Director Jeff Friedman to record and preserve the life-histories of Bay Area dance community members who are at risk: elders and those facing life-threatening illness, with a special interest in those challenging AIDS.

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Tickets for the event are \$25 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors with a \$2 discount offered for groups of 10 or more and for Theater Bay Area members. Tickets are available Tuesdays-Fridays, 2-6 p.m., beginning July 22nd by calling 621-7797. Tickets will also be available at TIX Bay Area in Union Square which is open Tuesdays through Thursdays, 12 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays, noon-8 p.m.

CRAFT FAIR



Kathleen Doyle and Thomas Reardon, creators of the bronze and sterling pin above, are among the more than 350 top craft artists from across the nation who will come together for three days at the 22nd annual American Craft Council (ACC) Craft Fair August 8-10 at Fort Mason Center's Herbst and Festival Pavilions. Participants in this juried fair were selected from more than 1,600 applicants. The fair is open Friday, August 8 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, August 9 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Sunday, August 10 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Bay Area Video Coalition Finds New Home Near Potrero Hill

Where once stood Hamm's Brewery, Koret, Best Foods, and Kilpatrick's Bakery, now stands ZDTV, KQED, Protozoa and BAVC. These Multimedia companies, the new employers of the northeast Mission District, just blocks from Potrero Hill, have just been joined by one of the nation's oldest and most successful nonprofit media facilities, the Bay Area Video Coalition (BAVC). BAVC has moved to 2727 Mariposa Street, next door to KQED, and is giving the new "multimedia gulch," a community edge.

BAVC is a nonprofit organization that provides community access to high technology and training. When BAVC moved into the Best Foods plant, other media companies signed on as well, including Protozoa Animation Company. "We wanted to be next to BAVC's training facilities," says Brad Degraf, owner of Protozoa.

BAVC is the largest nonprofit media arts center in the country, with broadcast video and multimedia facilities, and has been providing hands-on training and low-cost access to technology tools to Bay Area producers for more than 20 years. When BAVC moved from an office space it had been occupying for 15 of its 21 years, BAVC staff and Board were determined to build a facility that would be state-of-the-art and accessible to the community.

If you would like more information about BAVC's new facility, please call Sally Jo Fifer, Executive Director, or visit BAVC's web site at <http://www.bavc.org>.

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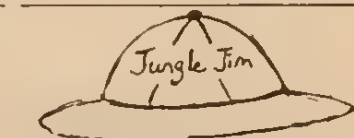
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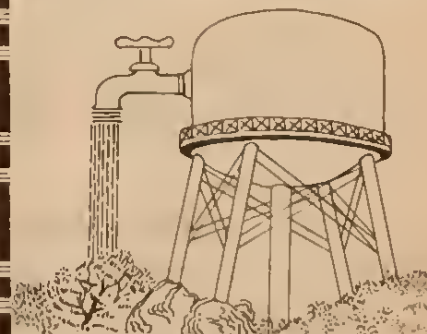
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Afro Solo Festival Shows Diversity of Experience

The Afro Solo Festival will present Bay Area Black performance artists in works that give voice to the diverse experience of African Americans during the festival's fourth year of week-end events August 21-24. Most of the performances will take place at ODC Performance Theatre, 3153-17th St.

A musical concert Aug. 23, showcasing legendary blues and jazz pianist Charles Brown and jazz singer Faye Carol, takes place at the First Congregational Church, 432 Mason St., at 6 and 8 p.m.

Other highlights of this Festival include a free symposium featuring five eminent scholars from the fields of theater, dance, music and literature discussing the role of art in contemporary African-American culture, Aug. 23, from 2-4 p.m. Additionally, a free master class for artists interested in developing their own solo performance works will be led by Phillip Walker of the African American Drama Company, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Among those artists scheduled to perform are Lonnie Ford, in an audience par-

ticipatory play "Chaza" about the options available to deal with racial, sexual and economic oppression. Ford and Walker are currently teaching an acting workshop for youngsters at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

Artists and their presentations include: Edriss Cooper in "The Adventures of a Black Girl in Search of Academic Clarity and Inclusion;" Luana in "I Share That Hunger;" Teirrah McNair in "Faith Walker: The Life and Times of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune;" Nena St. Louis in "Schools;" Kevin Ware in "No Proof/No Apology" and "The Man I Loved;" Azel Jones in "The Black Lotus;" Alison Wright in "A Lesson Learned;" Brian Freeman in "Confessions of Walter R;" Bekee in "The American Dream, Knight in Shining Armor, and Tears;" Norman Gee in "The White Zone;" and Afi-Tiombe A. Kutubon in "An Extra Jar of Molasses."

For information about performances, times, places and cost of admission, call the Community Box Office Network at (415) 621-7797.



Lonnie Ford appears in an original production, "Chaza," in the Afro Solo Festival scheduled at ODC August 24.

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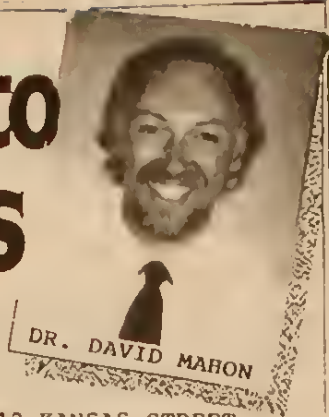
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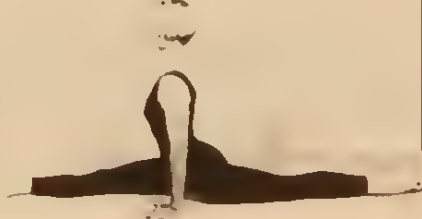
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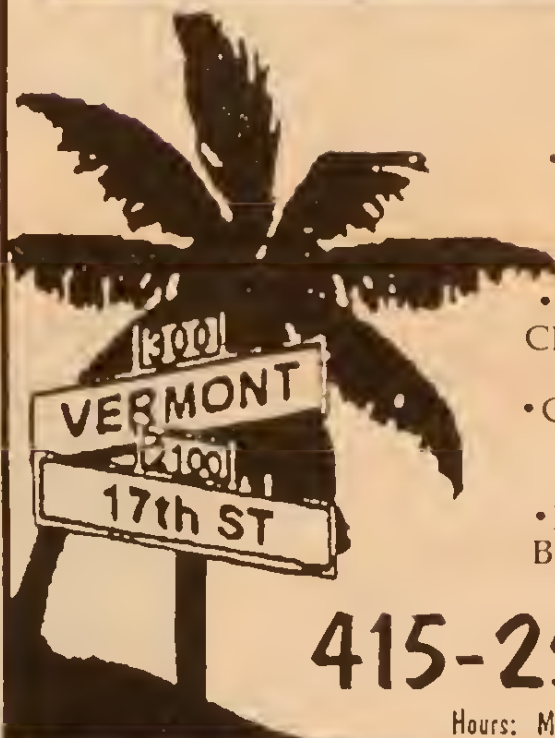
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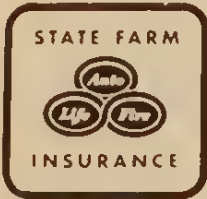
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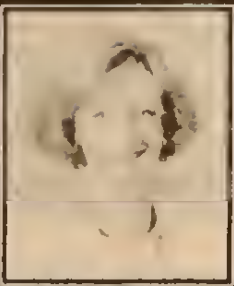
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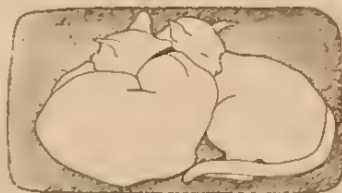
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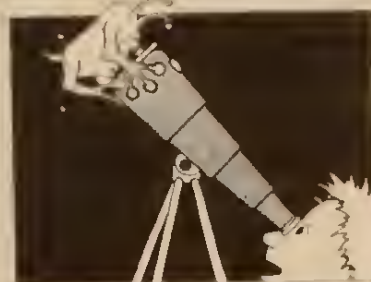
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